

February 25, 1971

Dr. Michael A. Taylor
9309 Murillo Avenue
Oakland, California 94605

Dear Mickey,

Both Dick and I have read your set of ambitious and most interesting proposals. In reading them seriatim, I made some notes and these are included with suggestions.

In sum, (page 4), I believe you could set up a study of lactate now, for application to NIMH before June 1. I think this is the most fundable of the projects. The need for funds is not obvious to you now, but will become obvious by the end of the year. I am enclosing an outline of an NIMH application and a copy of our ECT application to give you an idea, both of an application and Dick's ECT project. I suggest you write up the sections on Aim, Methods (subjects), Previous work done (by others, by P.I.), significance, references. I can write a description of facilities and the budget.

For the rest - neuro-endocrine effects in schizophrenia, penicillamine, ECT-depression - you will receive notes and reports from Dick or myself to keep you up-to-date, but there is no urgency in these.

The relationship with Kirby State Hospital is agreed to, but the final steps can only be taken when a budget is approved. The present "freeze" on appointments to the State should be lifted by April 15 and I am confident Dick will be in Kirby by that date.

It was a pleasure to read the notes. Try your hand at a grant application.

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Max Fink, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry

MF:kpt

encs.